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NOTES

Interview - 7/28/78

10:AM

Don Hardway
Charles Berk

interview of Hidalgo

has heard?

letter ✓

will release self
no matter what

Admiral says

Chuck explains
continuing secrecy
& report, etc.

He says he may
not answer some
questions.

no connection @ CIA
now

retired? does it
answer

current employment? ANSWER.
C.O. in 63.

no specific duties
traveled at discretion
of superiors.

✓

same @ division
on day to day
basis

worked in Cuban
& other areas

AMMUG/1 - remembers
cryptonym.

4/64 remembers defection
etc.

A shown.

?? dealt @ many intel
agents wants
to make sure same
one.

refuses to answer
significance of Mug
to CIA.

was not sent
to Ottawa - in 4/
Svenson was
Lt. immediate superior

? doesn't remember
what SA stood
for.

relationship to MUG -
defers to Swenson.

FLORES + Piccolo -
contact @ MUG
defers to Swenson.

MUG info on LHO:
~~can't~~ refuses to
answer question
phrased as to can
recall what mug
said. He said that
he would rather not.

Swenson recordings.
confirm?

SOP? - everyone uses
on - doesn't know
what S. was.
doesn't remember
if he heard tapes
or read transcript.

Int. became aware of MUG on date of first cable which he saw.

Int had contact when he came to D.C.

competent in Spain. was involved in debriefing.

give info on LHO would prefer to answer.

MUG in DC for "a matter of months not too long"

understands around 6 months.

won't say how he was used by Agency in D.C. especially re: operational use possibility

~~INTERROGATION~~
+ SURVEILLANCE
ENTRY

had quite a bit of
expertise & success.
Was based on trust
∴ he won't relieve
self. won't answer
if he thinks lives
or nat. sec is
threatened. "Espionage
is not a gentleman's
game"

B shown
saw at time.
knows author - declines
to say.

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MIRABAL:

~ AWARE of position AT Cubemb.
VEGA - NO Also. "I just
knew what the
agency knew at
the time - no
personal knowledge"

was aware of DBI
status
probably knew
specific duties at
time but doesn't
recall

para. 9.

documents + LHO -
didn't see all + .
can't answer.
ones he saw didn't
refer to LHO or
JFK assass by name
but may have by
substance but not
at all sure - defers
to Swenson.

knows where Swenson
is.

did not discuss sub-
stance @ anyone
prior.

has not heard about
our specific letter
just rumors in
press - watergate
etc. had heard
could be done.

B-1 shown.

Svenson wrote?
yes.

^{JNT.} he saw at time,

memo accurate.

traveller would have
- necessarily met
DGI officer - but he
would come to his
attention. A DGI officer
reviewed all applica.
DGI would have been
interested in all travelers

tip off words - doesn't
know unless MUG did.

Mauricio - doesn't
know in used in Mexi.

refuses to answer
whether stationed
in MEXI.

- yes he was in MEXI
prior to 1965 but
doesn't recall when
thinks it was '63

Did AMMUG
TELL WHAT
DGI OFFICER
LHO PERIT
WITH.

refuses
NO ANSWER

but not in Oct or
Sept
- Sure it was '63
was not acquainted
@ Scott or Phillips
in MEXI. was not
acquainted @ M.
Bishop as much as
S or P + not in
Mexico - was in
H.Q. Doesn't know
his duties.

Scott may not have
known of his presence
in MEXI.

has worked @ Phillips
+ Scott but not Bishop

knew him just as
Bishop.
agency person.
known Hunt in
much same manner
as Bishop - not personally

if knew where
Bishop worked has
forgotten.

VERY POINTED
ASKS I UP
WHY HUNT?
UP

last ^{MUCa} CONTACT 164

while he was in MEXI
never went near
an American installa.

had contact @ Cub
but - to their
knowledge.
would not answer
whether he was
running PA's into
the cub.

knows Christ ^{& Bishop. S.E.} but
won't discuss. Rozedo.

MUNRO

OP.
INT?

Silvia Duran: "sure
does but I sure don't
want to discuss it."
indirect contact
doesn't recall when
said contact was.

used registered + 6 to
12 now " aliases.
not all known to
agency.

? knew HARVEY (Sturgis?
Romero?)

C shown.

Mirabal, Vega + Comatt.
Ricardo Conception -
No knowledge.

saw document. - Vega Tim
TRANSLATION H made
himself.

"ZR" doesn't know.

ZRRIFLE - never heard.

MUG polygraph.

H ~ present.

sure read results but
doesn't recall.

Swenson + op. present.

doesn't know if LHO
was mentioned.

Imagines it was a
long polygraph.

Who would have seen?

Swenson -

Whitson (need to know parts)

H retired 1970.

can't tell us what
AUG told us about
LHO - defers to SWENSON

N shown.

may have seen.
did write & doesn't
know who
sure it's accurate.

doesn't
know if there were
other such reports
doesn't recall reading
any.

doesn't know
pseudo.

D shown.

saw some of reels -
doesn't know how
they would have been
filed
doesn't recall trans.

E shown.

accurate

AMNIP - refuses.
was also a Cuban
intelligence officer
NO HISTORY OF HEART DISEASE

DIED OF
HEART
ATTACK
AT AGE
28.

files - common thing
doesn't know what
system would have
been.

no memory if they
had pic of real haired
Negro.

doesn't know crypts
of photo sources.

F shown

AROMA RAMOS

~ familiar

Ernesto + Mexi-

no but @ Cuban
intelligence.

characterize Cub. intelligence
as sinister?

doesn't think they would
stop at anything.

Does know that Castro
executed agents.

AM LASH - familiar
did ~ handle him

doesn't know if double.

very much involved
in BoP & very very
very bitter.
won't say role.

did work out of Miami
& N.O.

indirectly responsible
for Brigade 2506
he was 6th person
he interrogated & cleared.
"changing place"

work in N.O. had to
do @ Cuba but very
little @ BoP.
handling an agent
who was a Cuban
Intelligence.

H. is Cuban - said if it
wasn't for political
interference Cuba would
be free

MOORE
NO

where
11/22